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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YUTAKA TAKANO, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/496,041

Filed: February 2, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
PURINE NUCLEOTIDES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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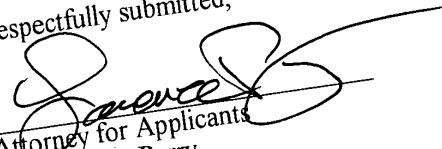
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)

Sir:

Applicants, having previously petitioned to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2001 to February 25, 2002, hereby petition for a further extension of time up to March 25, 2002. A check in the amount of \$520.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should be directed to our below listed address.

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